

competing against other schools in my congressional district on February 14. They succeeded because they worked together and because each of them gave their individual best for their team.

I'd like to recognize them by name:

Alfred Acosta
Kevin Bautista
Jalayne Benavente
Keolester Buenpacifico
Armalen Cabrerros
Lourence Camacho
Cedie Chan
Augustine Chang
Hazel Doctor
Chiaki Hirosawa
Kevin Kim
Su Yoon (Karen) Lee
Daniel Macario
Ryan Ortizo
Vanessa Sablan
Keno San Pablo
Jonathan Sanchez
Louise Villagomez
Rita Villagomez
A. Ram Yoo

I'd also like to acknowledge their teacher Mr. Rosiky Camacho; their attorney-coaches Joaquin Dlg. Torres, Judy Dlg. Torres, and Vince Dlg. Torres; and their coordinator Mr. Alfred Ada.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. HIRONO) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God of covenant love, Your light brightens our day and presents new opportunities to serve You in faith and serve this Nation with freedom.

Grant the Members of Congress penetrating peace and patient understanding of family life and the problems facing this Nation.

Help all of us to embrace our limitations, and yet never lose hope to marshal the forces within us and the powers You give us to establish a new order of personal dignity and integrity and world security that will give You glory, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. FLEMING) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FLEMING led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 27, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 24, 2009, at 10:01 a.m.:

That the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House; agrees to Conference and appoints conferees S. Con. Res. 13.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 101.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 86.

Appointments:
Senate National Security Working Group.
Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

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DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 27, 2009, at 9:39 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 586.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESIDENT OBAMA SHOULD RE-MEMBER WE ARE FOUNDED ON FAITH

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Madam Speaker, I was very disturbed to read about the

administration's request to cover up a monogram symbolizing the name of Jesus at a recent speech given by President Obama at Georgetown University. The White House justified this by saying they asked for all symbols to be covered up at the lecture hall; however, this was the only one clearly visible near him during the speech. The covered monogram "IHS" comes from the Greek for Jesus and was covered with a black triangle of plywood.

I join my fellow Christians in expressing my outrage at this request. This administration has no problem spending money imprinted with the phrase "In God We Trust"—and parenthetically, above us here is the words "In God We Trust"—but won't have our President speak with any symbol of Christ in public view. We begin each day in this Chamber with a prayer, and clearly visible in the House is the same phrase I mentioned before.

With our country having such problems, people turn to faith for help in this time of uncertainty, as they should. This country was founded on the solid principles of Judeo-Christian ethics. Why should our President cover this important symbol of our heritage and values?

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF CORPORAL WILLIAM CRAIG COMSTOCK

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a young man beloved by his family, friends, and his community. I rise to remember Corporal William Craig Comstock of the United States Marine Corps, who was taken from us while honorably serving our country in Iraq.

Craig grew up in the Third District of Arkansas, going to Cedarville High School and graduating from Alma High School. He made a big impression on his classmates. On a Facebook page created in his honor, one friend wrote, "I can't stress enough that you changed my life. You are such an inspiration to me."

Craig is an inspiration to all of us. He was raised in a single-parent home and later in foster homes, but he has always had the drive to succeed.

Craig joined the Marine Corps in January of 2007 and was trained as an ammunition technician. He volunteered to go back to Iraq after being shot while deployed there earlier in his career.

Madam Speaker, at the young age of 21, Craig made a tremendous sacrifice for his country. He is a true American hero. I ask my colleagues to keep his family and friends in their thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

TOO MUCH SPENDING

(Mr. CHAFFETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1